

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
(SPARTANBURG DIVISION)**

GETTYS BRYANT MILL WOOD, et. al,
Plaintiff,

v.

STATE FARM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
Defendant/Respondent.

Case No. 7:19-CV-01445-DCC

Application/Affidavit for
Pro Hac Vice Admission

(1) Name. John E. Stephenson, Jr.
First Middle Last

(2) Residence. I reside in the following state: Georgia
If a South Carolina resident, indicate months/years of residence: _____

(3) Business Address. I am an attorney and practice law under the name of or as a member of the following firm:

Firm name: Alston & Bird LLP

Mailing address: 1201 West Peachtree Street, Ste. 4900 City/State/Zip: Atlanta, GA 30309-3424

Telephone number: (404) 881-7697

Facsimile number: (404) 881-7777

E-mail address: john.stephenson@alston.com

(Application will not be considered without an e-mail address to receive electronic notification.)

(4) Jurisdiction of this Court. I, by execution of this Application and Affidavit, consent and agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws, and rules of the State of South Carolina, with all applicable federal statutes, laws, and rules, including Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina (particularly, Local Civil Rule 83.I.08 and/or Local Criminal Rule 57.I.08). I consent to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in all matters of attorney conduct.¹

(5) Regular Practice of Law. I am a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State of Georgia where I regularly practice law. **Attached is my certificate of good standing.**

(6) Additional Bar Membership. I have been admitted to practice before the following courts: (List all of the courts Applicant has been admitted to practice before: United States District Courts; United States Circuit Courts of Appeals; the Supreme Court of the United States; and courts of other states or the District of Columbia.) By signing this Affidavit, I certify that I am a member in good standing of each of the listed bars unless otherwise noted.

¹This District maintains a web site (www.scd.uscourts.gov) from which the federal and local rules of procedure and related materials may be obtained.

Court	Date Admitted	Good Standing
State Bar of Georgia	1984	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
US Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit	1988	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
US District Court, Northern District of Georgia	1985	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
US District Court, Middle District of Georgia	1993	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

- (7) Pending Disciplinary Matters. Are you presently the subject of any formal suspension or disbarment proceedings, and have you been notified by any disciplinary agency of the initiation of formal procedures? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(If "yes," give particulars, such as jurisdiction, court, date, grounds. Information to comply with this paragraph may be provided *in camera* but that fact shall be revealed below.)
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- (8) Curtailment of Prior *Pro Hac Vice* Admissions. Have you ever had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked?
☐ Yes ☒ No
(If "yes," give particulars, such as date, court, docket number, judge, circumstances; attach a copy of any order of denial or revocation.)
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- (9) Sanctions. Have you ever had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any judicial or administrative body suspended or revoked, or received a public reprimand or greater sanction?
☐ Yes ☒ No
(If "yes," give particulars, e.g., judicial or administrative body, date of suspension, and reinstatement.)
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- (10) Criminal Sanctions. Have you ever been convicted of a felony under the laws of the District of Columbia or of any State or under the laws of the United States?
☐ Yes ☒ No
(If "yes," give particulars, such as date, court, judge, circumstances, and ultimate disposition.)
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- (11) Present and Previous *Pro Hac Vice* in this Court. Have you, within the last ten (10) years, filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina or another court in the state of South Carolina?
☐ Yes ☒ No
(If "yes," give court, case name, docket number, and status of litigation, year of application, local counsel of record in each case, and state whether application is pending or was granted.) Attach additional pages if necessary.
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- (12) Designated Local Counsel. Local counsel of record associated with Applicant in this case is:

Attorney Name: Perry D. Boulter
 Firm Name: Boulter Thompson & Barnes, LLC
 Street Address or Post Office Box: P.O. Box 6470
 City, State, and Zip Code: Spartanburg, SC 29304
 Telephone Number: 864-606-1090
 E-Mail Address: pboulter@btblawfirm.com

I understand that local counsel of record is required to: (1) personally sign each pleading, motion, discovery procedure, or other document served or filed in this Court; (2) accept service of all pleadings and notices as required on behalf of all counsel for the party represented; (3) be present at all pretrial conferences, hearings and trials, unless excused by the Court; (4) be prepared to participate actively as may be necessary; and (5) assure compliance with Local Civil Rules 83.I.04, 83.I.05, and 83.I.06 or Local Criminal Rules 57.I.04, 57.I.05, and 57.I.06 as appropriate. Local counsel of record may attend discovery proceedings.

- (13) Associated Counsel. In addition to local counsel designated above, the following counsel are also associated with the undersigned in this case.

Joshua Thompson, Jeremy A. Root, Todd A. Noteboom, Cari K. Dawson, Tiffany L. Powers, and Courtney Harrison

- (14) Application Fee. I affirm that the application fee of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) has been paid in accordance with Local Civil Rule 83.I.05 or Local Criminal Rule 57.I.05 or paid herewith.

- (15) Electronic Notification. By submitting this application, I consent to electronic notification.

- (16) Represented Party/Parties. I seek to represent the following party/parties:

State Farm Life Insurance Company

- (17) I certify that I have read Local Civil Rule 30.04 regarding the conduct of depositions.

Signature of Applicant

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 2nd day of September, 2021.

A Notary Public
 of the State of Georgia

My Commission expires: August 18, 2024





**Supreme Court
State of Georgia**
STATE JUDICIAL BUILDING
Atlanta 30334

August 31, 2021

I hereby certify that John E. Stephenson, Jr., Esq., was admitted on the 20th day of February, 1985, as a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Georgia, the highest court of this State; and, since that date he has been and is now a member of this bar in good standing, as appears from the records and files in this office.

Witness my signature and the seal of this Court

hereto affixed the day and year first above written.



Thine S. Bann, Clerk